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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
Strobel et al.)
on METHOD FOR MAKING DIE BOARDS,) Group Art Unit: 1733
AND MATERIALS AND APPARATUS FOR)
PRACTICING THE METHOD)
Serial No.: 09/271,416) (Our Docket No. P48-1229)
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Hartford, Connecticut, September 3, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

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-- 30. A rotary cutting tool for generating slots in die boards comprising:
an upper cutting portion defining a first outer diameter and a lower cutting portion defining a second outer diameter extending from and coaxial with said first cutting portion; and wherein